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Ronald N. Strand, Chief of Police

Press Release

DATE OF INCIDENT: 06/26/2013
TYPE OF INCIDENT: VEHICLE PURSUIT – DRUG AND FIREARM VIOLATIONS
LOCATION OCCURED: 1600 BLOCK OF N. SIERRA VIEW ST.
SUSPECT(S): Milton Toussaint – 37 Years Old – Ridgecrest Resident

On 06/26/2013, at about 0115 hours, RPD Sergeant Justin Dampier attempted to conduct a traffic enforcement stop on a green van in the 500 block of W. Graaf Ave. for a traffic violation. The driver of the suspect vehicle failed to yield for the emergency lights and continued W/B on W. Graaf Ave. The driver failed to stop for the posted stop sign at the intersection of N. Sierra View St. before turning right and continuing N/B on N. Sierra View St. The driver finally yielded in the 1600 block of N. Sierra View St. near the intersection of W. Atkins Ave.

Responding officers assisted with a felony traffic stop and the driver and sole occupant, Milton Toussaint, was taken into custody.

During a search of the vehicle, a loaded firearm was located in close proximity to suspected narcotics. Toussaint is a convicted felon and prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition. A significant amount of suspected cocaine (rock) base, methamphetamine, marijuana, and several capsules/pills were located in the vehicle. Evidence was located indicating the drugs were possessed for the purpose of sales.

Toussaint was booked at CRF- Bakersfield on several drug and weapons charges as well as DUI, driving with a suspended license, and failing to yield/evading a peace officer. His bail was set at \$150,000.

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